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From: Ruhl, Christopher
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 11:47:40 AM
Subject: Fwd: Suspension of EPA response activities on Navajo Nation on August 20, 2015/Gold King Mine response

FYI. David to answer your question about the water tank info- Brett Moxley.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Manzanilla, Enrique" <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>
Date: August 19, 2015 at 11:51:03 PM MDT
To: "Moxley, Bret" <Moxley.Bret@epa.gov>
Cc: "Calanog, Steve" <Calanog.Steve@epa.gov>, "Ruhl, Christopher" <Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov>, "Lindsay, Nancy" <Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Bret:

I hope I captured your concerns correctly.

Thank you for your perseverance and patience.
Enrique

From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:45 PM
To: Kao, Jessica
Cc: Blumenfeld, Jared; Strauss, Alexis; Meer, Daniel; Quast, Sylvia; Cheatham, Reggie
Subject: Suspension of EPA response activities on Navajo Nation on August 20, 2015/Gold King Mine response

Jessica

Bret Moxley, incident commander in Farmington, has strongly recommended we suspend all field activities in Navajo Nation, including sampling activities, tomorrow, August 20th. Bret consulted with Steve Calanog, Deputy Area Commander, and with me. I agree with his recommendation.

Bret feels strongly that we should not send staff out in the field tomorrow because of the current climate and the threats leveled yesterday against EPA staff, contractors and Coast Guard employees. I have also received email communications from staff indicating their concern about current work environment. Staff are also very cognizant of Facebook postings (e.g., the President and Attorney General's video today alleging contaminated tank water, a posting with a bullseye over the EPA logo).

I believe it would be prudent to suspend activities tomorrow to allow Bret and others to develop a path forward for the remaining days of this response activity. I have also asked Bret to explore potential security support from BIA.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. I know you agree that the safety of our staff is of paramount importance to us.

Enrique Manzanilla

Director, Superfund Division

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